

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 01-10-050, filed 4/26/01, effective 6/1/01)

WAC 390-16-105 Mini campaign reporting--Eligibility. (1) A candidate or candidate's authorized committee, as those terms are defined in RCW 42.17.020, shall not be required to comply with the provisions of RCW 42.17.060 through 42.17.090 except as otherwise prescribed in WAC 390-16-038, 390-16-115, and 390-16-125 when neither aggregate contributions nor aggregate expenditure(~~(f+s)~~)s exceed the amount of the candidate's filing fee provided by law plus a sum not to exceed three thousand five hundred dollars and no contribution or contributions from any (~~(f+person)~~) person other than the candidate within such aggregate exceed three hundred dollars. However, a bona fide political party may pay the candidate's filing fee provided by law without that payment disqualifying that candidate from eligibility under this section.

(2) A political committee, as that term is defined in RCW 42.17.020, shall not be required to comply with the provisions of RCW 42.17.060 through 42.17.090 except as otherwise prescribed in WAC 390-16-038, 390-16-115, and 390-16-125 when neither aggregate contributions nor aggregate expenditures exceed three thousand five hundred dollars and no contribution or contributions from any person exceed three hundred dollars.

(3) A continuing political committee, as that term is defined in RCW 42.17.020, shall not be required to comply with the provisions of RCW 42.17.060 through 42.17.090 except as otherwise prescribed in WAC 390-16-038, 390-16-115, and 390-16-125 when neither aggregate contributions nor aggregate expenditures during a calendar year exceed three thousand five hundred dollars and no contribution(~~(f+s)~~) or contributions from any person exceed three hundred dollars.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 00-22-056, filed 10/27/00, effective 11/27/00)

WAC 390-16-226 Loans. (1) Only loans which are recorded in a written loan agreement executed at the time of the loan and properly reported may be repaid by a candidate or political committee. Surplus campaign funds under RCW 42.17.020 and 42.17.095 may only be used to return a contribution to the candidate if the contribution was properly reported as a loan from the candidate, as described in subsections (2) and (3).

(2) If any person gives or loans the candidate funds in connection with his or her campaign, the funds are not considered personal funds of the candidate. See WAC 390-17-305. Such funds are considered a contribution from the original source of the contribution under chapter 42.17 RCW and, unless the loan meets the exemption provided in RCW 42.17.720(3) and this subsection, the

contribution is subject to the contribution limits provided in chapter 42.17 RCW(~~(1-1)~~).

(a) If a candidate or candidate's own political committee or campaign or authorized committee receives a loan from a commercial lending institution, the loan is exempt from the contribution limits of RCW 42.17.640 and WAC 390-16-310 only if all the following criteria are met:

- (i) the loan is not guaranteed by any other person;
- (ii) the loan is made in the regular course of business; and,
- (iii) the loan is made on the same terms ordinarily available to the public.

(b) A commercial loan to a candidate's own committee or campaign or authorized committee is presumed to be guaranteed by the candidate. The presumption is rebuttable by clear, cogent and convincing evidence.

(~~(1-3)~~) (3) The amount of campaign contributions which may be used to repay a loan made by the candidate to the candidate's own political committee or campaign, or to repay a commercial loan to a candidate's own political committee or campaign where the candidate is the borrower or guarantor, is limited to the loan repayment limit in RCW 42.17.125(3) as adjusted by WAC 390-05-400. For purposes of the loan repayment limit, these loans are aggregated for each primary, general, special or recall election and must be designated accordingly by the candidate at the time the loan is made.

(~~(1-3)~~) (4) If a candidate makes documented out-of-pocket campaign expenditures on behalf of his or her campaign expecting repayment (not intending to make an in-kind contribution), the campaign committee must repay the candidate within 21 days of the expenditure or the candidate will be deemed to have made a loan to his or her campaign committee which must qualify for repayment under subsections (1) and (2) in order for the candidate to be repaid. Undocumented out-of-pocket campaign expenditures by the candidate are in-kind contributions not eligible for repayment.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 94-11-016, filed 5/5/94, effective 6/5/94)

WAC 390-16-308 Identification of source of contribution. Any person who makes a contribution shall inform the candidate or treasurer, at the time the contribution is made, of the true and actual source of funds from which the contribution is made. To identify the source of a contribution received by check or other written instrument in the absence of other information, a candidate or treasurer shall apply the following:

Provided, that in cases where the source of the contribution is known and differs from the guidelines set forth below, the known source of the contribution shall be reported;